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Storm Water Fees:

Collect money to meet the City of Clarkston Storm Water Mandate requirements. Respect Clarkston Organization hopes to have an alternative plan of action that will lead the city out from under the permit requirement altogether.

Mega Loads Transport on Hwy 12:

ExxonMobil/Imperial Oil wants to send more than 100 oversized loads on U.S. 12. The loads, consisting of pieces of a processing plant bound for the Kearl Oil Sands in Alberta, Canada are so large they will take up both lanes of U.S. Highway 12. Citizens are concerned that oversized loads might become common on the scenic corridor.

Flooding:

With May being one of the wettest springs on record and above normal snowpack in the mountains concerns about flooding was in our newscast quite a bit.

Idaho Education Reform:

Idaho schools Chief Tom Luna's education overhaul package including curbed tenure & collective bargaining rights for teachers, merit pay and steering money away from educator payrolls & into online instruction.

Wolf Management:

Remove wolves from the endangered species list and the need for regulatory changes that would let Idaho manage the hundreds of federally protected gray wolves within its borders.

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The Need to Address Storm Water Fees

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/26/11, 6:00p.m.
Duration: 1:05

Description: KLEW News reported that at the Clarkston City Council the conversation turned to the storm water issue. Council member McLaughlin says “we can’t keep sitting here and paying out almost \$37,000 a month. We are in compliance because of that, but we have no revenue coming in to replace that.” Council member Kathleen Warren has not seen any revenue they’re going to bring in. The council decided to form an exploratory committee for councilors and citizens to determine how to proceed with the storm water issue.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 5/9/11, 11:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:11

Description: KLEW News reported that the Clarkston City Council tonight again talks about storm water. Councilor, Monika Lawrence says one of the things that we talked about was the utility fee, and we talked about a compromise lowering it from the five dollars, but kind of being between two and five with a deadline of December 31st 2012 to end that utility fee at that time. Lawrence says it’s important the city stays in compliance with storm water regulations. She also said a committee discussed the feasibility of hiring an engineering expert to help study the issue.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/8/11, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:52

Description: KLEW News reported that the organization Respect Asotin County presented commissioners with a petition Monday outlining the changes they hope to see. The group is riled up over the mandated storm water fee county residents are paying. The county government doesn’t allow petitioning to put an issue on the ballot. While storm water’s been a hot topic in the valley, Respect Asotin County has been fairly quiet until now. The group had been circulating their petition for months gathering thirteen hundred signatures.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/20/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:04

Description: KLEW News reported that at the Asotin County Commissioners meeting public comment was the focus on storm water. Tom Sattler of Respect Asotin County began by asking commissioners, yet again, if they would allow storm water fees be put to a vote on the November Ballot. Chairman Don Brown said he would not be in favor of that. He says the county can not run a storm water department without having the money come from the citizens we have now. In response, Sattler presented commissioners with a plan to change local government. The citizens group of Respect Asotin County will be seeking signatures of registered voters of Asotin County, to have an initiative put on the ballot of the next general election to seek a change in government.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/27/11, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:14

Description: KLEW News reported that in a reversal from two weeks ago, the Clarkston City Council voted 7 to zero to not create a storm water utility. Instead, they directed city attorney Jim Grow to draft an amendment to include a \$3.50 monthly fee to sewer rates. The city council say the fee will help the city meet federal mandates for water quality and comply with storm water permit requirements. Two weeks ago, the council voted 5 to 2 in favor of creating the utility after the first reading of the ordinance. The council says the fee will show up as a separate line item on sewer bills and all monies collected will be put in a separate account specifically designated for storm water compliance. Unlike a utility, a fee is not subject to referendum.

The Need to Address Mega Load Transport on Hwy 12

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/8/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:34

Description: KLEW News reported that The Montana Department of Transportation has issued a permit that would allow an Imperial Oil test module to enter the state. The decision clears the way for the megaload to leave Lewiston on Monday. The test module has been at the Port of Lewiston waiting out bad weather and clearance from Montana that would allow it to travel 70 miles into that state to a private parking lot at Lolo Hot Springs. Imperial Oil hopes shipping it across north central Idaho will demonstrate the U.S. Highway 12 is a viable route for over-sized loads.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/11/11 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:01

Description: KLEW News reported that after multiple delays and setbacks an ExxonMobil test load will set out from the Port of Lewiston tonight. Imperial oil spokesperson Puis Rolhieser says this test load is just another way ExxonMobil is committed to transporting modules safely along the river corridor. Permit delays and additional training pushed a transport that was originally scheduled for early March back to tonight. Montana officials issued their permit over the weekend. There is still the possibility of an injunction stopping the load at the border. But Rolhieser says they're taking this move one step at a time.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/29/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:41

Description: KLEW News reported that the ExxonMobil oversized test shipment will not resume travel on U.S. Highway 12 until at least Monday night because of possible bad weather. The National Weather Service predicts snow and below freezing temperatures for higher elevations near the Idaho-Montana border. The test shipment will remain parked near milepost 169, about 5 miles west of the Montana state line. Meanwhile, ConocoPhillips announced today that they've received the required permit from the Idaho Transportation Department to resume shipment of their megaloads to Billings. Officials with the company say they expect the first of the final two shipments to leave the Port of Lewiston tomorrow night.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/4/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:47

Description: KLEW News reported that Idaho Transportation Department says that big Imperial Oil test load made it to Montana this morning. After originally being schedule to leave in March, the load pulled out of Lewiston on the evening of April 11th. It started having problems right away, breaking off a tree branch near the Rose Garden. Then, early the next morning, the top of the module came in contact with a guywire, pulling down a power pole near Kooskia and cutting off power to over 1,300 Avista and Clearwater Power customers. Other delays led to the late arrival in Montana. The module was designed to show that future Imperial Oil megaloads can travel safely on U.S.12 on their way to the Kearn Oil Sands in Alberta.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/31/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:23

Description: KLEW News reported that Nez Perce County Commissioners formally announce their support of megaloads on local highways. Chairman Mike Grow read the declaration at their public agenda meeting today. The resolution formally shows the county's support of megaload commerce on Highway 12 and Highway 95. Imperial Oil equipment modules are still waiting at the port of Lewiston for approval to travel on the region's highways.

The Need to Address Flooding/Disaster Preparedness

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/5/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:46

Description: KLEW News reported that Nez Perce County residents are still recovering from flooding over the weekend. Director of Highways Mark Ridinger says it was probably the worst he has seen in about 15 years. Several creeks in the area spilled over their banks as they filled from heavy rain and melted snowpack. The culvert along Garden Gulch Road just couldn't handle the capacity of water and resulted in the road being closed. There was a mudslide on Flatiron Road south of Lewiston in the Waha area that closed that road on the south end. Also on the north side of that road a culvert washed out. Ridinger says the road department will be monitoring the creeks as water levels are still high.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/11/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:52

Description: KLEW News reported that Emergency Management Coordinator Don Gardner says the massive mudslide outside Orofino damage is somewhere around one point two million dollars. Debco Construction is currently building a temporary road that goes around the 70 foot wide and deep slide. When the slide occurred, it washed out an entire chunk of Dent Bridge Road before sliding down to a lower portion, completely covering it. Clearwater County issued a Disaster Declaration on Friday. Gardner says he submitted a request for state assistance today.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/11/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:36

Description: KLEW News reported that state and federal hydrologists say twice the normal precipitation in March has created near record levels of snowpack in some mountain ranges. The Idaho Water Supply Committee says an increase in snowfall between 15 percent and 40 percent should mean plenty of water statewide for the summer growing season. Committee officials also say April has already seen more than 50 percent of average precipitation in most portions of the state. The snowpack and additional rain in the forecast translate to an above average threat of spring flooding.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/27/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:41

Description: KLEW News reported that due to flooding conditions and the potential for record runoff in many areas of the state, Governor Otter has declared a Statewide Declaration of Emergency. The declaration, approved Friday brings the availability of state resources and rapid response to support impacted areas. Otter says as we continue to experience this growing threat of flooding it requires our proactive attention and continued vigilance. The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security says the statewide declaration is a proactive step to reduce response times and to allow the state to support local jurisdictions in preparations that will help prevent damages from the expected record flows.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/3/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:59

Description: KLEW News reported that Nez Perce County Emergency Management Coordinator Mel Johnson said disasters are a hard trend to track. Earlier this year severe weather in our area caused flooding that proved disastrous to homeowners and roadways. Flooding is the biggest natural disaster concern in our area, but Johnson said the same things we do to prepare for rising rivers can be applied to other natural disasters as well. One of the smartest things people can do is to have a 72 hour kit in their home or maybe even in their cars. For help putting together a survival kit and other preparedness tips, you can visit FEMA's dedicated website: www.ready.gov.

The Need to Address Education Reform in Idaho

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/7/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:32

Description: KLEW News reported that The Committee to Recall Tom Luna hits the road for a four day statewide tour and organization sessions with supporters. Committee founder, Nancy Berto says her frustration with the Public School's Chief Tom Luna and his plan to reform education led her to start the committee. It would take thousands of signatures and a special election to recall Luna, but Berto says she has the support she needs. Organizers say the tour is an opportunity to train county organizers and volunteers, speak to groups interested in joining the cause the introduce kick-off plans for the statewide petition.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/8/11, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:33

Description: KLEW News reported that Governor Butch Otter signed the third and final piece of the education reform package today. The governor hailed Republican lawmakers for withstanding quote "an onslaught of misinformation" to approve the final piece of a reform plan for Idaho's public schools. The law redirects money in the school's budget from salaries to fund new technology in the classroom, and a teacher pay-for-performance plan. The measure passed the 2011 session despite opposition from school trustees, administrators and Idaho's teachers union.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/26/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:31

Description: KLEW News reported that organizers of a bid to dump education and union reforms that recently passed the 2011 Idaho Legislature say they've gathered enough signatures to put three repeal measures on the November 2012 ballot. More than 48,000 people signed each of the three petitions to put the new Idaho laws to referendum votes next year. Idaho Public Schools Superintendent Tom Luna says he remains confident the majority of Idahoans support education reform. He says repealing the laws would mean a return to the status quo.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/1/11, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:35

Description: KLEW News reported that Bill Goesling the newest member on the Idaho State board of education is making a tour of the state introducing himself and talking about the issues facing Idaho schools. Goesling says education reform is one of the most controversial issues facing Idaho schools. Currently two different task forces are looking into the implementation of the technology piece of the reforms. The Board of Education is examining how many credits students will take online. The use of technology in the classroom is to help teachers not replace them. Technology will give teachers a stronger assist in handling the different students. Many students will be able to work on their own independently. That allows teachers to shift his or her talents to the student that needs that extra help.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/7/11 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:33

Description: KLEW News reported that organizers of a bid to dump the education and teachers union overhaul that passed the 2011 Idaho Legislature say they've gathered enough signatures to put all three repeal measure on the November 2012 ballot. More than 48,000 people signed each of three petitions to put the new Idaho laws to referendum votes next year. Idaho will restrict education union bargaining rights, introduce teacher merit pay and shift money from salaries to classroom technology under the changes backed by public schools chief Tom Luna and Gov. Butch Otter earlier this year.

The Need to Address Wolf Management

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/1/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:44

Description: KLEW News reported that wolf fearing lawmakers want Idaho to declare a disaster emergency that could include enlisting local law enforcement officers to help eradicate packs of the predators. Representative Judy Boyle from west central Idaho, one of Idaho's most active wolf proponents, told a hastily organized meeting of the House Ways and Means committee that residents feel physically and psychologically threatened. No wolves have been documented attacking humans, but they kill sheep, cattle, hunting dogs and wild game including deer and elk. Boyle wants a new law giving the governor authority to declare a disaster emergency that allows steps to be taken against wolves until the species is delisted, or the emergency no longer exists.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/6/11, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:50

Description: KLEW News reported that supporters of killing Idaho's wolves rally in Boise showed up to give their support for an emergency declaration passed by the Idaho House targeting wolves. Led by anti-wolf activist Ron Gillette about two dozen people rallied at the statehouse praising the Idaho House of Representatives for passing a disaster declaration that would allow Idaho's governor to enlist local law enforcement agents to kill wolves. Supporters say a thriving wolf population poses an immediate threat to big game hers and human life. Wolves have been taken off the endangered species list twice since 2008 but were re-instated by a federal judge last August. After talks with the federal government over a public wolf hunt collapsed, Governor Butch Otter ordered the state not to participation any wolf management program.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/11/11 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:43

Description: KLEW News reported that wildlife advocates are scrambling to remove a provision from the federal budget bill that would lift protections for gray wolves in Montana and Idaho. John Motsinger with Defenders of Wildlife says his group would continue to fight the provision until it's a done deal. But time is running out. The final language for the bill was expected to be released today. Western lawmaker's announced Saturday they had succeeded in attaching their wolf rider to the budget bill on the same day a federal judge struck down a proposed settlement on wolves between the Obama administration and advocacy groups. The groups had agreed to lift protections for the animals in exchange for safeguard against over hunting.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/19/11, 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:35

Description: KLEW News reported that Governor Butch Otter signed a bill into law that will allow him to declare a wolf disaster emergency in Idaho. The governor signed the bill today, even though congress already took action this month to strip federal protections from wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains. Otter says he also has concerned about undermining his own statutory authority to declare such disasters, with the new state law. The measure allows the governor to enlist local law enforcement agents to reduce Idaho's wolf population, which at 800 animals makes up about half of the wolves in the region.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/26/11, 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:30

Description: KLEW News reported that the federal government removed the gray wolves from the endangered species list. Idaho Fish and Game is selling tags at license vendors and Fish and Game offices. A 2011 Idaho hunting license is required to buy a tag. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a rule removing protections for the wolves in Idaho and seven other states. Gray wolves are now under state management and considered a big game animal. The Fish and Game Commission will set seasons, rules, and limits later in the summer. Environmental groups filed two lawsuits in U.S. District Court today in an attempt to overturn the decision and stop hunts planned for this fall.